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SUBJECT: SINAI DISENGAGEMENT: SOVIET OFFICIAL ALLEGES VIOLATION
OF UNDERSTANDING

1. DURING LUNCHEON CONVERSATION TODAY KORNIYENKO REMARKED, IN CONNECTION WITH DISCUSSION OF MEANS TO BUILD MUTUAL CONFIDENCE, THAT SOVIETS CONSIDERED CURRENT SINAI DISENGAGEMENT AGREEMENT IN VIOLATION OF ASSURANCES SECRETARY GAVE GROMYKO DURING MAY MEETING IN VIENNA. ACCORDING TO KORNIYENKO, GROMYKO HAD ASKED SECRETARY IF HE WOULD BE ARRANGING ANOTHER INTERIM STEP, TO WHICH SECRETARY ANSWERED NO. KORNIYENKO ADDED THAT, IN RESPONSE TO ANOTHER QUESTION, SECRETARY ASSURED GROMYKO THAT WE WOULD NEITHER ARRANGE NOR PARTICIPATE IN ANOTHER INTERIM AGREEMENT.

2. I TOLD KORNIYENKO THAT I COULD NOT RECALL ANY EXCHANGE OF THIS NATURE DURING THE VIENNA MEETING, AND INDEED I RECALLED THE THRUST OF SECRETARY'S REMARKS AS BEING QUITE DIFFERENT. KORNIYENKO, HOWEVER, INSISTED THAT SUCH STATEMENTS WERE MADE IN VIENNA, AND THAT IN LIGHT OF THEM SUBSEQUENT EVENTS NECESSARILY UNDERMINED MUTUAL CONFIDENCE.

3. COMMENT: KORNIYENKO MADE THIS REMARK IN LOW-KEY FASHION. NEITHER OF US MADE ANY FURTHER COMMENT ON THE DISENGAGEMENT AGREEMENT OR ON THE MIDDLE EAST IN GENERAL.
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